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Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" With reference to answer (*c*), may I know on what grounds the District Collector recommended that particular clerk?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice of the question."

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" May I ask whether the hon. Member would be pleased to call for the connected papers and find out whether any injustice has been done to this poor clerk in this matter?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I shall look into the papers again."

Cinchona

Personnel of the staff of the Government Cinchona plantations.

* 567 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of European and Indian staff in the Government Cinchona plantations both in the Anamalais and Nilgiris respectively:

(*b*) how many coolies are employed in each of these plantations and what are the monthly salaries for permanent coolies and daily wages for temporary coolies;

(*c*) how many coolie lines were built during the years 1928, 1929 and 1930 giving the number of rooms in each line, dimensions of each room and the number of families that could live in each line; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Kole and Labour maistris are given contract work?

A.—(*a*) European ... ... Nil.
Indians 15

(*b*) Nilgiris and Anamalais about 350 each.

Unskilled labour, permanent or temporary, is divided into six classes according to the sex, age and the coolie's capacity for work and is paid daily wages according to its classification as follows:—

Class	I	8 to 7 annas
,,	II	7 to 6 ,,
,,	III	6 to 5 ,,
,,	IV	5 to 4 ,,
,,	V	4 to 3 ,,
,,	VI	3 to 2 ,,

subject to an addition of one anna for work of an arduous nature.

Skilled labour employed on daily wages is paid wages not exceeding Rs. 3 per diem, and that on monthly rates of pay is paid Rs. 15, which can only be exceeded subject to the sanction of the Government.

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(c) *Anamalais.*—During 1928–29, 12 rooms each 12 feet × 10 feet with latrines and verandah, were built, each room being designed for a family of about five or six persons. During 1929–30, 12 such rooms were built.

(d) Not for ordinary plantation work, except when it is cheaper or convenient, e.g., felling work, for which a rate per acre is fixed or revetment work for which a cubic content rate is fixed.

Civil Justice

Proposal, if any, to reduce the strength of the High Court Bench.

* 568 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal with the Government to reduce the number of High Court Judges for the sake of retrenchment; and

(b) if so, what is the number to be reduced?

A.—(a) & (b) No such proposal is at present under the consideration of Government.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"In view of the fact that retrenchment is effected in other departments of the Government, may I know whether the Government do not consider it advisable to reduce the number of High Court Judges also?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"It is not practicable, having regard to the state of arrears in the High Court."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask if the hon. Member is aware that, after the number of Judges was increased, the arrears also began to increase?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"Is there any proposal to reduce the pay of the High Court Judges?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No, Sir."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether there has been any voluntary cut on the part of the High Court Judges?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"If my hon. Friend had been here when His Excellency addressed this Council, he would have had the information from his speech."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"As I was not here then, will the hon. Member be pleased to give the information?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"My hon. Friend can have it from the newspapers."